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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This office action is in response to applicant's amendments filed on December 6, 2007.
2. Claims 1 and 4-20 are pending. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended.
3. The objection to the specification is withdrawn.
4. Claims 1,4-15,17,19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lent et al. (US 5,837,042) in view of Goulle (WO 96/20942) for the reasons set forth in the previous office action.
5. Claims 1,4-13 and 16-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jalon (US 4,891,505) in view of Goulle (WO 96/20942) for the reasons set forth in the previous office action.

### ***Response to Arguments***

6. Applicant's arguments filed regarding either Lent or Jalon in view of Goulle have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's declaration filed on July 11, 2008 is not sufficient to overcome the rejections of record. The declaration is not

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commensurate in scope with the instant claims which recite numerous compounds which meet the limitations of the instantly claimed formula (II) while a showing is only provided for one compounds of formula (II). Furthermore, the prior art of Lent or Jalon invite the inclusion of many lanthanide chelates for security printing and are not limited to those demonstrated in the examples and Goulle discloses the instantly claimed chelates of formula (II) as useful in security printing of documents as is the goal of Lent or Jalon. A reference is not limited to the working examples, see *In re Fracalossi*, 215 USPQ 569 (CCPA 1982). Since Goulle et al. clearly teach the instant chelates of formula (II) for security printing and Jalon or Lent disclose printing methods with lanthanide chelates and solvents on fibers is conventional, the rejections are maintained.

### ***Conclusion***

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AMINA KHAN whose telephone number is (571)272-5573. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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